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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given

the present application. Claims 1-17, 19-21, 23, and 24 are currently being

prosecuted. Claims 19-21 are amended. Claims 1 and 6 are independent.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view

of the Amendments and Remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner considers the subject

matter of claims 1-17 to be allowed.

As the Examiner will note, claim 19 is rewritten in dependent form,

and now depends from independent claim 1. It is respectfully submitted

that all of the claims, namely, claims 1-17, 19-21, 23, and 24 are now in

condition for allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 19, 21, and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being

anticipated by Clark (U.S. Patent 284,198) and claims 20 and 24 stand

rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Anderson (U.S.

Patent 253,829). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

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Amendments to Claim 19

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection,

but merely to advance the prosecution of the present application,

independent claim 19 is rewritten in dependent form depending from

independent claim 1.

Dependent claim 19 now recites:

at least one of the side walls of the seat bottom is provided with a first

projection facing inwardly toward the seat back, and the seat back is

provided with a second projection facing outwardly toward the seat bottom,

the second projection capable of engaging the first projection to determine a

limit of angle between the seat bottom and the seat back, and

each of the first and second projections being constructed with a flat

planar projected surface, so that when the seat back is turned relative to

the seat bottom, the second projection initially moves against and engages

with the first projection on one side of the first projection, the second

projection then climbs over the first projection, during which time the flat

planar projected surfaces of the first projection and the second projection

face each other, and finally the second projection moves beyond the first

projection to a position on an opposite side of the first projection.

Support for the above features can be seen in FIGS. 14A and B.

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No combination of Clark and Anderson suggests the invention set

forth in claim 19. For example, Clark merely discloses a plate D with

hollowed out grooves in the arms b, with pins C of the seat back B fitting

within the hollowed out grooves of plate D. Clark does not suggest flat

planar projected surfaces.

The Examiner will note that dependent claims 20 and 21 are

amended, and claims 23 and 24 remain unchanged. Claims 20, 21, 23, and

24 remain depending from claim 19.

At least for the reasons set forth above, the rejections of claims 19-22,

23, and 24 have been overcome, and claims 19-22, 23, and 24 are now in

condition for allowance.

According, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35

U.S. C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) are respectfully requested.

All claims of this application are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly

distinguish over the patents relied on by the Examiner.

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Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been

utilized to reject the claims, but to merely show the state of the art, no

comment need be made with respect thereto.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the

rejections and allowance of all of the claims are respectfully requested.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed,

accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request

that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that

they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been

made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is

in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication

will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to

telephone Carl T. Thomsen, Registration No. 50,786, at (703) 205-8000 in the

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A prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully

requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this,

concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment

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to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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